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## Local Notes.

The coal man is "It" just now.

Broken your New Year's resolution yet?

The weather has been as cold as a money-shark's heart.

We've certainly had plenty of the "beautiful" snow this winter.

The California fever seems on the increase. A great many people are going, and more want to go.

Frozen water pipes have caused much trouble, and doubtless some profanity during the past week.

An examination for Common School diplomas will be held at my office in Lancaster, on the last Friday and Saturday in January, 27 and 28, 1905.

E. L. Walker, County Supt.

Lost.

Pair of child's gold-rim spectacles. Lost on Lexington street between J. C. Hemphill's and W. B. Moss'. Liberal reward for return to The Record office.

Capt. Phil Price, of the K. C. day trains, is suffering from rheumatism and was forced to go to Hot Springs. His place is being filled by one of the cleverest conductors on the K. C. main line, Capt. Parker.

Plenty Coal at Low Prices.

The dealers have kept plenty of coal in stock this winter. Best of all, they have not charged exorbitant prices. Lancaster has the best set of coal men in the state. (We will wager a stack of blue chips that the foregoing is the first "puff" the coal men ever received.)

Increase in Property.

The county Board of Supervisors has finished its work and assessor Capt. T. M. Austin reports the total property listed in the county at \$4,959,263, an increase of \$92,374, over the preceding year. This shows that this county is in a thriving condition, and that the work of assessing was thoroughly done.

A Good Negro Gone.

In the death of Hampton Anderson Lancaster loses another of the few remaining old time, honest, respectable dinkies. Uncle Hampton was quite old, but was a hard-working man up to a few weeks ago when a deep cold resulted in other troubles which proved fatal Monday afternoon. As stated above, he belonged to the old-time class of colored men who enjoyed the confidence and respect of the white people as well as his own race. He was a strict temperance and church man, and did all he could to help his race. "Uncle Hamp" was a good, citizen and his death is regretted by all who like a good, honest, hardworking man who attends to his business, keeps in his place and tries to help others of his race to do the same thing.

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Office over Thompson's store, Danville st.

H. W. Elliott, State Evangelist, will preach at Hubble next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Rag Carpet Social.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church will have a Rag Carpet Social tonight (Friday 20) at Lecture room of the church. Admission one pound of rags, thread and needle. Boy's a pound some thing good to eat, and their thimbles.

Big Land Sale.

Harrodsburg Herald:—Mr. John L. Forsythe has sold his farm of 425 acres on the Bohon pike, to Mr. Rankin Clemmons, of Fayette county, for \$17,000. Mr. Clemmons, now owns 1,600 acres of choice Mercer county land and owns about 2,500 acres of superb Fayette land, and it is said, has mortgages on a great many more.

A Good Man Leaves.

Mr. A. K. Walker and family left Thursday morning for their new home in Lorenz, Miss. Mr. Walker was one of the most widely-known men in Kentucky, and one of the most deservedly popular. He was born and raised in this county, devoting all his time to farming. Garrard county never had a bigger-hearted citizen, or one more willing and anxious to help his fellow man. He has the best wishes of all for complete success in his new home.

A Useful Citizen.

Dr. Kinnaird is erecting another large house on the old Seminary lot on Depot street. He is about the best hustler in town, and if we had more like him Lancaster would move to the front in spite of the cold water throwers and stumbling blocks. S. A. McDearmon, the contractor for the new poultry house, being erected for Dr. Kinnaird on Depot st., says with any kind of good weather the new lessee can occupy the building by Monday, Jan. 23rd.

Wants Damages.

Mr. A. C. King, owner of the famous King's Mill on Dix river, has filed suit against the city of Danville for \$10,000. He alleges in his petition that the large dam which the water company built across the river above his mill, cuts off the supply of water and permanently injures his milling business. The suit has caused considerable excitement in Danville. The old mill that figures in the suit is over 100 years old, and is one of the most famous landmarks in Central Kentucky.

Lancaster Friends Sympathize.

The many Lancaster friends of Mrs. C. M. Chumbley extend their deepest sympathy on the death of her mother, Mrs. Cornelia H. Stern. The death occurred at Rutherglen, Va., her home, last Thursday, and was caused by asthma. The deceased was sixty years of age and had been in fairly good health, news of the death being a very great shock to Mrs. Chumbley. The other children are Joe Lane Stearn, of Charleston, W. Va., Mrs. Grady Burruss, Front Royal, Va., Mrs. Cornelia H. Stern, of Rutherglen. Owing to the short notice, Mrs. Chumbley was unable to go to Rutherglen.

Fishing Club Organized.

The Lake Placid Fishing Club is the name of the organization just incorporated in this city for the purpose of stocking and properly protecting the fish in the waterworks lake. Several of Lancaster's prominent and enthusiastic fishermen have the matter in hand and will see that none but the best of fish are placed in the lake, and, best of all, will see that the place is kept clean. They will also protect the fish until they reach a good growth. This is a good move, as it will keep the hoodlum element away from the place and work for the good in many ways. The club will sell a certain amount of stock to raise funds to prosecute intruders and with which to purchase more fish.

Important Rural Mail Box Ruling.

Postmaster Hall, of Bucyrus, O., has a ruling from the government which is of interest to every community where the rural free delivery system is in force. A local carrier found in a mail box on his route two letters that were intended for the owner of the box and had been put there by some one in passing. The letters were confiscated and sent to the government at Washington with a request for a ruling. The government approved the action of the carrier and said that all mail found in any box without stamps or the proper amount of money for postage must be collected and taken to the postoffice from which the route is operated and held for postage. This ruling means that the owner of the mail box has absolutely no control over it.

An Expensive "Shine."

It isn't often that a country editor "puts on style," but when he does spread it on, he goes "the whole hog." For instance, the paying of \$5.04 for a shine is not considered as extravagant in the least. While attending the meeting of the Kentucky State Press Association in Louisville, Edgar Albright, the clever editor of the Mt. Vernon Signal, gave four coppers and a five-dollar gold piece. While he didn't intend to pay more than a dollar and a half for the shine, yet, when seeing his mistake, made no effort to overtake the fleeing kid, but remarked in an unconcerned way, "Well, I always pay that sum for a shine in Mt. Vernon, and I can see no reason why the price should be cheaper in a little town like Louisville."

LAST NOTICE.

All taxes not paid by FEBRUARY FIRST will be advertised and the property sold in front of the Court House. This is positively my last notice, and I mean to treat all alike.

W. L. Lawson, Sheriff.

R. M. West sold to the American Tobacco Co., twenty thousand pounds of tobacco at \$10.25.

Important Meeting.

The ladies of the Baptist church are cordially urged to meet with Mrs. Ellis, 2 p. m., Monday, January 30th, for the purpose of talking over our Mission work and organizing a Missionary Society.

Is Winning His Way.

The Spencer Hat Co., is the name of Louisville's most popular retail hat establishment. Burt A. Spencer, a former Lancaster boy, is president of the concern, which is located at No. 415 Fourth Avenue. The new company bought out the well-known firm of C. B. Smith's sons, for years the most popular hat house in Louisville. If you want the very latest style in men's headwear, give the old Lancaster boy a call.

Bequest For The Record.

The Hartford Herald is kind-hearted enough to say this: "Among the many exchanges that come to The Herald, few are edited with more ability or conception of the wants of the reading public than the Lancaster Record. Mr. Louis Landrum, the editor, is a close student of human nature and his editorials along this line are gems of worded thought. He is not only a scholar and a gentleman, but one of the best editors on the Kentucky press."

The Coming Town.

R. A. Stone, who recently moved to Somerset, was here this week and told us of the remarkable growth of that bustling city. The town has been growing steadily for some years, but the striking of oil in the vicinity and the determination of the Queen & Crescent Railway Co., to build its shops there, have caused a boom which will make a big city of what, until recent years, was a small town. About seventy-five dwellings are in course of construction, and every one has been rented. It is almost impossible to rent a house of any kind.

Power of the Press.

The Elizabethtown News says:—An intelligent public is rapidly learning to discriminate between a newspaper that supports a party because it wants the party to do something for it and the newspaper that supports the party because it wants to do something for the people. The one is an interested support, and should be put upon the same basis with the politician who desires the people to do something for him; the other is like the politician who wants to do something for his country. The road or rule of real influence must be disinterestedness, whether in politician or newspaper. Selfish interests make the politician a button-holer and demagogue and a newspaper a mendicant. Unselfish interest makes the politician a statesman and the newspaper a leader. The newspaper which dares stand for the right because it is right regardless of public opinion, has influence, while the newspaper that is afraid to stand for the right on account of public opinion can command neither respect or influence. An intelligent public is rapidly learning to discriminate between the two classes referred to.

Another Prominent Citizen Gone.

The illness which befell Dr. H. C. Herring some weeks ago proved fatal Tuesday morning at two o'clock. Several weeks ago, Dr. Herring received a severe fall, making a wound which resulted in blood-poisoning. Everything skilled physicians could do was done for him, but he continued to lose ground every day, and his death was not a surprise to those thoroughly familiar with the case.

Dr. Henry C. Herring was born in Garrard county on the 12th day of July 1833. When a boy he went to school and worked on the farm with his brother, the late James Herring. Desiring to become a physician, he took up the study with Dr. O. P. Hill. That famous physician appreciated the young man's ambition and hard study and assisted him in every way to get a foothold. Dr. Herring graduated from a medical school in Louisville, which, at that time, was the largest, and in fact, the only one of importance outside New York City. He returned to Lancaster where he soon established a large and lucrative practice, which he enjoyed during the forty-five years he was actively engaged as a practitioner. He was married to Miss Annie Lloyd and is survived by she and four children, Mrs. Jerry Respass, Mrs. Chas. Anderson, Mrs. Jesse Walden and Mr. Fisher Herring. Dr. Herring was a man of high principle, and if your friend there was nothing in his power he would not gladly do for you. He was kind-hearted, generous and public spirited. We have never known a man more devoted to wife and children. He was a member of the Christian church, at which place Eld. F. M. Tindler and Rev. C. S. Ellis conducted funeral services Wednesday afternoon, at the conclusion of which a large number of friends and acquaintances assembled at the Lancaster Cemetery and laid the body of another of our few remaining pioneer citizens in its final resting place.

Monday is county court day.

Eld. T. Q. Martin, of Winchester, will preach at Scotts Fork the 5th Sunday in this month at 11 a. m.

Harlan.

Many Lancaster relatives and friends were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Harlan, which occurred at the home of her grand daughter, Mrs. Richard McGrath Jr., last Thursday. Mrs. Harlan had been in fairly good health until a few weeks ago when she contracted pneumonia. She grew rapidly worse, and little hope was entertained for her recovery. She had been a resident of Garrard most all her life, and was widely connected and known in this, Boyle and Lincoln counties. She is survived by one child, Mrs. Millard F. Route, of this county. She was an aunt of Mrs. Bowen Fox and Mrs. Logan Wood, of Danville. She was a member of the Baptist church and a kind-hearted, noble Christian woman who will be greatly missed. Funeral services were conducted at the Danville cemetery, where the burial took place.

Luxury and Poverty.

One hundred and twenty-five dollars a day is charged for the best suite of rooms in a new hotel in New York City, and one of the wealthiest men in the country declined to occupy the suite recently on the ground that he could not afford it. About the same time the newspapers were telling the story of an old woman from a country town in Pennsylvania, who, having unexpectedly inherited \$800, went to New York, hired a room with bath at \$20 a day, and stayed at the hotel until she had spent every dollar. She took several baths a day to get the worth of her money, and when not in the tub sat at the window, watching the passing crowd. The contrast misleads some commentators into arguing that the rich man was a miser and the poor woman a spendthrift; but this is a short sighted view, says the Youth's Companion. To the one, the superfluous luxury was not worth the extra cost—because he was used to luxury. The other, accustomed to poverty, may have felt that she was paying a low price in exchange for a gorgeous memory that would gild the remainder of her days.

CITY'S WATERWORKS TAXED.

County Board of Equalization Says Citizens of Lancaster Must Pay the County and State Taxes on the Plant.

Considerable surprise was created last week when it became known that the county board of supervisors had ordered that the people of the town be assessed for taxes on the waterworks just installed. It is the general opinion among the people that public property can not be assessed for taxation, and this is true in most cases, but, under one of the laws, for which only Kentucky can "boast," the waterworks can be listed, and the people who are paying for building the plant be made to pay another tax thereon. It is the law, and the supervisors had to abide by it. It adds almost two hundred dollars a year expense to the town and works a hardship on the people which is not imposed anywhere on the face of the globe except right here in poor, old behind the times Kentucky. The City Council has not yet decided upon what steps to take, but as these gentlemen have had more knotty problems to handle in securing waterworks for Lancaster, it is safe to say that the interests of the people will be properly looked after.

The people of Danville were up against this proposition not long ago, and The Advocate, in speaking of the Lancaster assessment, says:

The same question has been up in Danville several different times, and until last year the Danville city water works were exempted from taxation, the right heretofore being made before the State Board of Equalization at Frankfort. This year the plant has again been assessed by the County Board of Supervisors for county and State taxes.

Section 170 of the Kentucky Statutes provide "that there shall be exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, etc." This law, however, does not appear to exempt water works plants, it has been tested in the courts and the cities held liable for county and State taxes.

On March 20, 1867, a very notable case was tried before the Court of Appeals by the city of Covington, and it was held as follows, to wit: The water works property of cities is considered by the decision of this court as property used only for the benefit and convenience of its citizens, and not for the public purposes of local government; the special act exempting the waterworks property of the appellant from taxation is repealed by the provisions of section 170 of the new Constitution and of section 4026 of the Kentucky statutes that, "there shall be exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes." The waterworks property was, therefore, subject to taxation for State and county purposes. It also appears that this case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States and affirmed, and later, a similar case was taken up by the sheriff of Henderson county against the city of Henderson, in February, 1900, and the Court of Appeals adopted the foregoing ruling.

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